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To: Fondahl, Lauren [Fondahl.Lauren@epa.gov]

Subject: Eureka Annual Report

Attachments: Biosolids Annual Report 2013.pdf.pdf; Mixed biosolids feedstock ltr 7-3-13.pdf.pdf

Hello Lauren-

Please see attached biosolids report from the city of Eureka for calendar year 2013 along with a letter from the LEA regarding the compost facility we contracted with.

To start with, we didn't *plan* on producing *any* biosolids in 2013. Our only plan was to clean aquatic growth from the surface of the sludge lagoons. An excavator was used for this work but it was unable to remove shrubbery without getting some solids along with the roots, etc. Based on prior experience in pond cleaning this ended being more of an issue than we had planned on. In other words, in years past we were able to remove unwanted growth and not remove any biosolids, just water and greenery. That said, we felt that using 2012 lagoon laboratory data was appropriate considering the consistency of prior lab reports and the ultimate disposition of the material to a composting facility. The fact that the material was half brush and the overall minimal amount produced was the basis for our decision to forgo additional testing on our part. It was also our understanding the compost facility would be providing us lab data. Apparently the compost facility is now closed and has filed for bankruptcy hence no additional data was available. However, if you deem it necessary to provide this information we can certainly simulate prior conditions and harvest a small amount from the lagoons for testing purposes.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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